

## CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



## A Message from the Mayor...

**Pardon our dust, but 2019 was a very busy year in Canal Winchester with new business construction**, renovation, and additions happening in about any direction you look. Canal Winchester is, or soon will be, home to several new businesses with some completed in 2019 and even more currently under construction. Activity in the Gender

Road corridor includes the addition of a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram dealership by Jeff Wyler to their existing Chevrolet dealership and the first building in the Winchester Office Park development opening with Oakview Dermatology, Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine, and Edward Jones locating their offices there.

**Earth work for the Winchester Logistics Park located behind Kroger and Home Depot has already begun** and will include two industrial buildings of 556,000 square feet and 258,000 square feet. Both buildings are expected to be completed in July. There are two new hotels being constructed - Hampton Inn, which is scheduled to open this spring and Fairfield Inn, which is expected to be completed in late summer. X Church is also in the midst of their building project and hopes to open this spring as well.

**In the heart of our community, a new mixed use building on West Waterloo St is being erected.** Once complete, the building will include 7,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor and 14 apartments on the second and third floors. It will be a great addition to our vibrant historic downtown!

**The Canal Pointe Industrial Park has also seen growth this last year.** NIFCO, an automotive parts supplier, purchased additional property in 2019 and constructed a new 175,000 square foot building for warehousing and research and development. NIFCO

has been located in Canal Winchester for over a decade and is a great employer in our community. Mill Tech, an architectural woodworking and cabinet manufacturer, and Five Star Heating and Cooling both have recently completed construction on their new facilities and are looking to open in their new homes very soon.

**Canal Winchester High School also began construction on new additions to their existing building in 2019.** New classrooms, an auxiliary gymnasium, and a new media center are all scheduled to welcome students later in 2020.

**Finally, let's not forget all the renovations and remodels that were made at many buildings throughout town during 2019**, allowing the addition of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses. This long list includes OHM, Kroger, Scrambler's Southeast Beverage Company, Spectrum, Top Floor Yoga & Fitness, West Oak Salon, Leander Boutique, Fantasy Cupcakes, Molly's Snazzy Stitches, Georgie Emerson, Harris Lane & Co, Barrel & Boar, Magnolia Dental, Singleton Construction, Associates Title, and C3 Church. WOW!

**Over 1,300 new jobs have been created in Canal Winchester in the last five years** which has allowed us to increase our annual street paving budget to one-million dollars in 2020 for the first time ever. Additionally, we are improving and constructing parks, making railroad crossing improvements and continuing to offer the services we have all come to enjoy without any increase in taxes. I expect 2020 to once again be a very busy year with housing and commercial growth, the construction of McGill Park and more jobs created. All happening right here where you live, Canal Winchester... **THE GREATEST LITTLE CITY IN OHIO.**

Mayor Mike

## RITA TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE EVENT FREE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX PREPARATION

MARCH 12, 2020 | 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. | CW COMMUNITY CTR.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) invites all taxpayers who are required to file a municipal income tax return for any RITA municipality to attend a *free* Taxpayer Assistance Event. Agents will be on-site to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation. To receive assistance preparing your return, please bring **all** of the applicable information listed below:

- Social Security Numbers for yourself and your spouse
- W2(s) from all employers and Form 1099(s)
- Federal Schedule(s) C, E, & F, Federal forms K-1, 2106, & 1040
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2019

*RITA municipalities in the surrounding area also include:*

Amanda	Carroll	Pleasantville
Baltimore	Lithopolis	Sugar Grove
Bremen	Millersport	Thurston



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RITA agents will work with taxpayers on a first come, first serve basis. Please note depending on the number of people attending wait times may occur; please plan accordingly.

If you would like additional information regarding this event, please contact RITA Customer Services at 1-800-860-7482.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Coming Soon...

**Jan 20** City offices closed

**Jan 21** City Council  
*Check website for  
additional dates*

**Feb 3** City Council

**Feb 17** City offices closed

**Feb 18** City Council



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36 S. High Street  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

## Snow Emergency: what it means

Local sheriff's offices may declare snow emergencies and temporarily close roads when winter weather makes travel dangerous.

### Snow Emergency Classifications

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

## Other Tax Information

### Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers will be preparing income tax returns, by appointment, at the Frances Steube Community/Senior Center on Wednesdays from February 5<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>. TCE program volunteers are trained and IRS-certified. *For information, please call the Community Center at 614-837-8276.*

### Property Taxes

Property taxes are billed and collected by the county auditor. The City of Canal Winchester is located within Franklin and Fairfield counties. For questions related to property tax rates, bills, or collection, please contact the appropriate county auditor.



**Help make sidewalks around your business or residence safer by shoveling a path around your property in a timely manner each time there is snow accumulation. Cleared sidewalks also help our local police, fire, and EMS during emergencies.**

# SNOW REMOVAL

When winter weather hits and we get substantial snowfall, our streets will be plowed and salted in the following order: arterial streets (*including Gender, Columbus, High and Waterloo*), other collector streets and major streets within subdivisions, secondary streets within subdivisions, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then parking lots. For information about our snow removal policy, visit our website and search keyword: *snow*.

## TIPS TO HELP SNOW REMOVAL RUN SMOOTHLY

- ❄️ **Do not shovel snow onto streets, alleys, or bike paths.**
- ❄️ **Shovel snow into small piles instead of large piles.**
- ❄️ **Do not pile snow beside fire hydrants or dumpsters.**
- ❄️ **Avoid parking on streets during snowy or icy conditions.**
- ❄️ **Clear snow around mailboxes.**
- ❄️ **Help neighbors in need who may be elderly, sick, disabled, or unable to shovel.**



### Winter Travel

Make sure to check weather reports before traveling this season. When the weather is bad, remember: ***Ice and Snow ...Take It Slow***. To sign up for traffic alerts from the city, visit our website.

## DID YOU KNOW?

If Canal Winchester Schools are cancelled due to weather, senior citizen activities at the Frances Steube Community/Senior Center will also be cancelled.

### School District Taxes

School district income taxes are administered by the State of Ohio Department of Taxation. There are two school districts located within the City of Canal Winchester: Canal Winchester Local (2502) and Bloom-Carroll Local (2303). For more information regarding school district income taxes, please contact the individual district, call 1-800-282-1780, or visit [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov).

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## City Phone Numbers

Main Number .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Council .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Court .....	614-837-7691
Community Affairs .....	614-834-9915
Community Center.....	614-837-8276
Construction Services .....	614-834-5109
Development Department .....	614-837-1894
Finance Department .....	614-837-6937
Human Resources .....	614-834-5118
Mayor Michael Ebert .....	614-837-7493
Public Service Department .....	614-834-5100
Water 614-837-5623	
<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>	
Streets, Lands, & Buildings 614-524-0163	
Urban Forestry 614-834-5110	
Waste Treatment 614-837-2254	
<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>	
Utility Clerk .....	614-837-7716
Sheriff Substation .....	614-837-7478

*For complete directory listings, visit [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov)*



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